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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- PRESIDENT FORD ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT LT. GEN.

VERNON WALTERS, A LONGTIME FRIEND OF FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD MIXON

AND A KEY WATERGATE WITNESS, IS QUITTING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE

CIA.

FORD SAID AT THE SAME TIME THAT HE WAS NOMINATING E. HEMRY KNOCKE, A CAREER CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY OFFICIAL, AS REPLACEMENT FOR WALTERS.

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